

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 06 Jul 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 07 Jul 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 05 Jul 2023 at 15:34 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Medium due to changeable conditions.

Headline for Thursday 06 Jul 2023: Bright spells and a scattering of showers. Strengthening winds, rain later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 06 Jul 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m

Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Cloudy	Cloudy	Mist	Mist	Cloudy	Cloudy	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	30%	30%	30%	30%	60%	80%

Forecast for Thursday 06 Jul 2023

Weather: Mainly dry overnight, although some patchy low cloud and the odd shower possible. Rather cloudy with occasional rain and low cloud during the early morning, skies brightening with cloud lifting near or above the summits with the odd shower possible. Cloud then lowering again during the evening with outbreaks of heavy rain pushing in from the west.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% becoming 80% by early afternoon, lowering 30% or less in the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, base 400 to 600m at first, lifting and breaking near or above the summits by early afternoon, but low significantly again in the evening. Visibility moderate to very poor in early low cloud and rain, becoming mostly very good for a time, before reducing again in the evening.

Forecast for Thursday 06 Jul 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	17/21 S	18/22 S	20/25 S	20/27 S	20/26 S	24/32 S	37/48 SE	46/60 SE	42/56 SE
900	13/17 SW	14/18 S	15/20 S	16/22 S	16/22 S	19/26 S	28/38 SE	32/45 SE	29/42 SE
600	17/21 S	17/21 S	19/23 S	16/22 S	16/22 SW	20/27 S	34/43 SE	43/56 SE	39/52 SE
300	8/14 S	10/16 S	10/16 S	10/16 S	10/16 S	11/19 S	18/28 SE	24/37 SE	21/34 SE
Glen	6/14 SW	5/14 SW	7/14 S	7/15 SW	8/15 S	6/16 S	10/23 SE	14/33 SE	16/34 SE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	4/-1	5/1	6/0	5/-2	5/-2	6/-1
900	6/2	6/2	6/2	7/3	9/5	9/5	8/3	8/2	8/3
600	8/5	8/5	8/5	10/6	11/8	11/8	11/6	11/6	12/6
300	11/9	10/8	11/9	12/10	13/11	13/11	13/10	12/8	13/9
Glen	12/11	12/11	13/12	14/13	15/14	15/14	15/13	14/11	14/12
Freezing Level*	1700m	1700m	1700m	1900m	2000m	2000m	2400m	2800m	2800m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note strengthening winds, summit gales expected in the evening.

Forecast for Friday 07 Jul 2023

Weather: Windy with outbreaks of heavy rain and low cloud overnight. Most of the rain dying out during the morning with the cloud beginning to lift and break, warm sunny spells then developing through the afternoon. Sunny then clear spells in the evening.

Maximum wind: South 30mph gusting 45mph early morning, easing to around 20mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% overnight and early morning, becoming 80% in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Occasional or extensive cloud, base 200 to 500m at first, lifting and clearing above the summits through the afternoon. Visibility moderate to very poor at first, becoming good or very good in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 Celsius rising to 22 Celsius in the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 7 Celsius rising to 13 Celsius in the afternoon
Freezing level: Above the summits